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CINCPAC FOR POLAD AND US NAVAL COMMANDER GUAM

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SUBJECT: BICENTENNIAL NAVAL VISIT TO GUAM

REF: STATE SECRET 011966

1. GUAM GOVERNOR BORDALLO CABLED SECRETARY KISSINGER REGARDING HIS INTENTION TO INVITE PACIFIC GROUP OF COUNTRIES TO SEND NAVAL SHIPS TO GUAM FOR BICENTENNIAL SALUTE ON JULY 4. GOVERNOR REQUESTED DEPARTMENT COMMENTS AND ASSISTANCE IN SECURING AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE.

2. COUNTRIES PROPOSED FOR INVITATION ARE KOREA, JAPAN, PHILIPPINES, AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND, FRANCE, GREAT BRITAIN AND REPUBLIC OF CHINA.

3. AS INDICATED IN REFTEL, IT WAS DECIDED LAST YEAR THAT
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TO AVOID CHINESE REPRESENTATION PROBLEMS FROM MARRING BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION, NEITHER ROC NOR PRC WOULD BE IN-

VITED TO BICENTENNIAL EVENTS SPONSORED BY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. ALTHOUGH ROC IS FREE TO PARTICIPATE IN EVENTS SPONSORED BY STATE OR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, SUCH PARTICIPATION SHOULD NOT INCLUDE PRESENCE OF NAVAL VESSELS WHICH WOULD INVARIABLY INVOLVE A FEDERAL RESPONSIBILITY AND THUS BE CONTRARY TO ESTABLISHED BICENTENNIAL GUIDELINES. ROC HAS BEEN INFORMED OF THIS POLICY BUT NOT PRC WHO WILL BE INFORMED IF NEED ARISES. POLICY IS NOT TO BE PUBLICIZED BECAUSE OF SENSITIVITY INVOLVED.

4. AS STATED IN REFTTEL, ROC HAS ALREADY BEEN INFORMED ITS PARTICIPATION IN GUAM INTERNATIONAL NAVAL VISIT AS PART OF BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE BUT APPARENTLY GOVERNOR OF GUAM HAS NOT BEEN ADVISED OF SITUATION. ACCORDINGLY, DEPARTMENT REQUESTS FOLLOWING RESPONSE BE CONVEYED TO GOVERNOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY JOHN RICHARDSON, JR., DEPARTMENT COORDINATOR FOR BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION.

5. MESSAGE FOR GOVERNOR: DEAR GOVERNOR BORDALLO: AS BICENTENNIAL COORDINATOR FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, I AM RESPONDING ON BEHALF OF SECRETARY KISSINGER TO YOUR RECENT CABLE REGARDING AN INTERNATIONAL BICENTENNIAL NAVAL VISIT TO GUAM.

6. THE KIND OF EVENT YOU PROPOSE IS INDEED IN KEEPING WITH THE NATIONWIDE--INCLUDING TERRITORIES--NATURE OF THE BICENTENNIAL COMMEMORATION. THE DEPARTMENT WILL BE GLAD TO INFORM U.S. EMBASSIES IN THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED ABOUT THE EVENT AND WILL BE PREPARED TO RESPOND HELPFULLY TO QUERIES FROM THE PROSPECTIVE PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES.

7. BECAUSE OF DIFFICULT CHINESE REPRESENTATION PROBLEMS AT OFFICIAL BICENTENNIAL EVENTS, THE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO INCLUDE THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AMONG THOSE TO BE INVITED TO THE EVENT. AS THIS IS A MATTER OF SOME SENSITIVITY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR KEEPING IT IN CONFIDENCE. HOWEVER, THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA IS AWARE OF THIS POLICY OF AVOIDING CHINESE PARTICIPATION

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IN SELECTED BICENTENNIAL EVENTS AND, IN FACT, AS A RESULT OF HAVING RAISED THE SUBJECT WITH US SEVERAL WEEKS AGO, WAS INFORMED THAT WE COULD NOT SANCTION PARTICIPATION OF ITS NAVAL UNITS IN YOUR PROPOSED CELEBRATION. THUS, WE HAVE NO OBJECTION TO YOUR EXPLAINING OUR POSITION TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA'S CONSUL, SHOULD YOU FEEL THE NEED TO DO SO. THE US NAVAL COMMANDER AT GUAM WILL BE GLAD TO DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH YOU.

8. BEST WISHES FOR A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL BICENTENNIAL COM-

MEMORATION IN GUAM. SINCERELY, JOHN RICHARDSON, JR.,
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